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From: Jessica White Date: April 4, 2006

Re: Comments for 'Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan' at the Star Lake Canal

Superfund Site

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration would like to provide the following comments for your consideration.

<u>Specific Comment 1:</u> Section 3.4.2 – Site Specific Receptors of Concern, pg 3-9. In order to conservatively assess the potential risk to receptors exposed to contaminants (which are likely to be primarily associated with sediments), I suggest modifying some of the receptors under consideration. Please substitute the green heron for the great blue heron (which is likely to be more conservative due to smaller body weight). Also consider adding sediment probing shore birds such as the spotted sandpiper or piping plover.

<u>Specific Comment 2:</u> Section 3.6.1 – Exposure Pathways, pg 3-12. The distinction between sediment and wetland soil in this RI is problematic. Wetland soils should be considered sediment.